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FIRST DAY.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, JEFFERSON CO.,
September 27, 1879.

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met pursuant to adjournment, at Fellowship Church, Jefferson County, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath of September, 1879.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. H. Purser. Text, John 15:7.

After an intermission, the Association was called to order by Moderator Green.

Brethren H. C. Conn and J. A. Snyder were appointed reading clerks. The letters from the churches were presented, read, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—B. B. Day.

Bethesda—M. S. Nevells, A. Humphreys.

Bethany—S. Van Voris, Cicero Pitts.

Bethlehem—David Cunningham, Thomas Gordon.

Brushy Fork—J. W. Crews, J. W. Walters, David Walters.

Beech Grove—E. Glover.

Damascus—Richard Coxwell, W. W. Miller, R. H. Purser, B. Higdon.

Fellowship—A. J. Miller, G. W. Foster, R. M. J. Arnette.

Gallman—Wm. Sumrall, J. Willis, W. Barber.

Hazlehurst—H. C. Conn, Mack Pitts, I. H. Anding.

New Hope—J. Jasper Green, G. W. Rotch.

New Zion—C. J. Green, Z. J. Scott,

New Providence—W. F. Davis.

Philadelphia—J. E. Chiles, W. H. Warnack.

Pine Bluff—H. T. Lewis.

Pleasant Hill—T. J. Foster, A. J. Foster, W. H. Thedford.

Port Gibson—A. C. Thompson, J. M. Tillman, W. C. Burch.

Rodney—W. H. Anderson, W. E. Bolls, J. A. Edwards.

Spring Hill—C. B. Rea.

White Oak—E. C. Gates.

On motion, went into the election of officers which resulted as follows: J. Jasper Green, Moderator; A. J. Miller, Clerk; C. J. Green, Treasurer.

On motion adopted the following order of business:

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Organize.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Call for Correspondence.
5. Appoint Committees.
6. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
7. Hear Reports.
8. Motions and resolutions.
9. Adjourn.

Corresponding Messengers present and recognized:

Elder J. P. Hembey, Mississippi Association.

Prof. D. S. Burch. Central Association.

Elder T. N. Rhymes and B. T. Hobbs, in the interest of the BAPTIST RECORD.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Finance—H. C. Conn, A. J. Foster, B. Higdon.

Ministerial Education—J. A. Snyder, B. B. Day, A. C. Thompson.

Home Missions—R. H. Purser, J. E. Chiles, W. F. Davis.

Sunday Schools—R. A. Cooper, R. M. J. Arnette, G. W. Foster.

Foreign Missions—W. H. Anderson, W. E. Bolls, G. W. Rotch.

Mississippi College—E. C. Gates, W. W. Miller, J. W. Crews.

Publications—Wm Sumrall, J. Willis, Wm Thedford.

Nominations—Z. J. Scott, J. W. Walters, Mack Pitts.

Temperance—A. J. Miller, W. Barber, H. T. Lewis.

Pastoral Support—C. J. Green, C. B. Rea, M. S. Nevells.

Condition of Colored People—R. H. Purser, J. M. Tillman, Sam Ratliff.

Religious Exercises—S. H. Coleman, G. F. Foster, J. E. Chiles, A. J. Miller.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS APPOINTED.

Mississippi Association—R. H. Purser, J. Jasper Green.

Strong River—R. H. Purser, J. Jasper Green, W. W. Miller, Wm Sumrall, A. C. Till, R. Coxwell, I. H. Anding, W. H. Anderson, H. C. Conn.

Pearl River—H. C. Gonn, R. H. Purser, D. I. Purser.

Central—W. H. Anderson, J. A. Snyder, A. A. Lomax.

Fair River—R. H. Purser, J. J. Green, W. W. Miller, Wm. Sumrall, J. E. Chiles, E. Glover.

State Convention—A. J. Miller, J. A. Snyder, H. C. Conn, R. H., D. I., and J. F. Purser, W. H. Anderson, I. H. Anding, J. J. Green, H. T. Lewis.

On motion adopted report of Committee on Religious Exercises, which is as follows:

Sunday School mass meeting at 10 o'clock,on Sunday morning.

Elder E. C. Gates to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, and Elder J. A. Snyder to occupy the pulpit at 2 o'clock in the evening.

Elder R. A. Cooper to preach for the colored church at Waterloo.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning. Closing prayer by Bro. Snyder.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The Sunday School Mass Meeting was largely attended and much enjoyed. Interesting addresses were delivered by brethren J. J. Green, W. H. Anderson, T. N. Rhymes and T. J. Walne.

Commencing at the usual hour, Elder E. C. Gates delivered an excellent and impressive discourse to a large and attentive audience. Text: Is. 32:20. Subject: Seed Sowing. At the conclusion of this service, a collection was taken for Home Missions which amounted to $43 60.

In the evening at 2 o'clock, Elder J. A. Snyder preached a sermon full of the gospel from the text: "If a man die shall he live again? "

The services conducted by Bro. Cooper, at the colored church, were much appreciated and largely attended.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, September 29, 1879.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Sang: "Jesus, I love thy charming name." Prayer by Bro. J. W. Crews.

On motion Bro. Anding was added to the delegation from Hazlehurst church.

On motion Bro. Walne, Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board, was cordially welcomed.

On motion the sum of five dollars was raised to pay for deed of conveyance, obtained by Bro. A. J. Miller from Gen. Will. T. Martin. Said deed secures to the Baptist denomination lots one and two, of square thirty, in the town of Martin.

On motion G. D. Stewart, State Superintendent of Colored Sunday Schools, was granted ten minutes to extend to the body fraternal greetings, which was done in a very creditable manner, pending the adoption of report on Condition the Colored People.

On motion a communication from I. R. Martin, was laid on the table.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Home Missions was read and adopted.

REPORT.

We are happy to report that the recommendations made by the Committee on Home Missions, at our last annual meeting have been complied with and a plan adopted for the execution of this work that promises success. Most of the destitution in our bounds, has within the last year been supplied with the glorious gospel of the blessed God. Many that one year ago called on us for the bread of life, have received it with joy and some that were dead, have been made alive. If the work goes on as it has begun, we are encouraged to believe that in a little while the field now occupied by our missionary will be self-supporting. We are not now to urge the obligation of contributing to the support of this great work—with God's word before us, and the seal of approval that He is setting to the work our duty is plain; but *the necessity* of doing more than we have done is what we would urge upon our churches. We would recommend, therefore:

1. That Pastors endeavor to awaken a deeper interest in this work in their respective churches.

2. That, while we lend the helping hand at home, we do not ignore the State mission work.

3. That we invite the Secretary of the State Board to come among us, and that we co-operate with him in the furtherance of State missions.

4. That we keep a missionary in the field as long as destitution demands it.

R. H. PURSER, Chairman.

On motion, a Committee on State missions was appointed, consisting of I. H. Anding, Richard Coxwell, S. Van Voris, and Bro. Walne to act with them.

Their report to be taken up at half past 11 o'clock.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions read and adopted.

Pending the adoption of this report, speeches were made by W. H. Anderson, W. W. Miller, T. N. Rhymes, and J. B. Wise.

A cash collection was also taken, amounting to $20. 80.

REPORT.

Your Committee on Foreign missions beg leave to report: That when our blessed Lord said to his church, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," He plainly teaches us what is our duty. Home and Foreign missions are only uninspired terms for a convenient business division of the work, while the inspired order of the great head of the church makes no such division, but claims a world work with the full view of *a world for Christ.* The church cannot stop short of this without disobedience. Let us ask you, churches of this Association, can we Baptists afford to disobey Him while we know why we are Baptists? Look out for many stripes brethren if we know our duty and do it not; therefore,

Resolved 1. That the Baptist field is the world and every Baptist is bound to help.

2. That we *most profoundly thank God* for his great blessing on the Christian work for "all the world" in the year that has passed, while our hearts have been filled with great hopes for yet larger blessings upon the whole world until the utmost parts of the world shall be given unto the possession of Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. ANDERSON, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Publications read and adopted.

The claims of the BAPTIST RECORD were forcibly presented by brethren Walne and Rhymes.

REPORT.

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to report: That it is our opinion that all impure literature should be removed from the homes of our denomination, and its place supplied with books and papers which will accord with the teachings of God's word. It being well established that novel reading has a strong tendency to corrupt the mind and destroy the taste for solid and religious reading, we would therefore urgently insist that every family procure good books and papers, that the Redeemer's cause may be built up. To our denomination we would commend the BAPTIST RECORD, and the Southern Baptist, Kind Words, and the Baptist Publication Society, in Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. SUMRALL, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

Speeches by brethren Anderson and Cooper.

REPORT.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report: The subject of Sunday Schools demands, not only our *careful*, but, *prayerful* attention.

The thing of training a soul, not for time, but, for eternity, is certainly as *great*, as *fearful* a responsibility as was ever placed on man. That this is true, the Bible furnishes unquestionable proof. The Jews in obedience to the commands of God, were exceedingly careful in training their children. In after years God spoke to man saying, "Bring up your children in the nuture and admonition of the Lord." "As the twig is inclined the tree will grow," is a maxim as true as it is old, and is applicable in the case of training children: for standing on a parallel with this, is God's word: "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it."

Realizing that the child has an immortal soul, that that soul *must* be saved, or *must* be *lost*, and realizing that there is one,

whom to know aright is life eternal, the question, "How shall I teach so as to make these little ones know Him," is all important. The term Sunday School answers the question. Wisdom is the thing lacking. If any man lack wisdom, let him ask it of God" David says, "Hearken unto me, children, and I will teach you the fear of the Lord." Again; the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." The Sunday School teacher teaches the Scriptures, "and they are they which testify of me," says Christ." The Bible is God's word and able to "make us wise unto salvation."

Again, he teaches the *Gospel*, and what is the Gospel? It is the power of God unto salvation? That Christian who teaches for the good of souls may safely expect to be instrumental in the hands of God in the conversion of those whom he teaches. Next to the Heaven-called ministry, the Sunday-school stands. How important that we have a Sunday-school in every church, in every community, in every house!

Respectfully,

R. A. COOPER, Chairman.

Report of Committee on State Missions read, and pending its adoption brother Walne carefully and satisfactorily sketched the mission work done through the State Board within the last four years. The report was adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee on State Missions would submit the following:

To our State Convention is committed a great Home Mission work. Look at the vastness of the field. We quote from report of State Mission Board:

"The territory of this Convention embraces, not only the State of Mississippi, but all that portion of Louisiana lying east of the Mississippi River, including the great and populous city of New Orleans. Within this vast territory is to be found, in many places, the most appalling spiritual destitution. From Memphis to Vicksburg, and lying between the Mississippi River, on the west, and the Yazoo, on the east, is what is called the Yazoo Delta, or Mississippi Bottom, a section embracing seven large counties. With the exception of a few favored places, this wonderfully fertile country, to which population is rapidly flowing, is almost wholly without the preached Gospel, and the Sabbath unknown as a day of

rest and religious worship. Along these rivers are many important and growing towns and cities, in many of which we have no churches at all. Beginning at Memphis and following the great Father of Waters for eight hundred miles to New Orleans, and then on to the Gulf, one hundred and twenty miles further, and then sweeping round the Gulf coast to Mobile, one hundred and fifty miles more, there is but one self-sustaining, vigorous and influential Baptist church, and that is the Coliseum Place Baptist Church of New Orleans. Along our southern coast, and extending for one hundred miles into the interior of the State, the same appalling destitution of the gospel exists. Within our borders persons are born, grow up to maturity, and die without ever having heard the good news of life and salvation from the lips of the living ministry.

"Along our lines of railroads are numerous and growing towns, which are important centres of influence, in which there are either no Baptist churches, or if any, they are so weak as to be unable, without aid, to support the ministry among them. By a little assistance many of these feeble churches would soon become strong, self-supporting and influential bodies.

And then there is New Orleans, the metropolis of the Southwest, and the stronghold of Romanism. With a present population of over 200,000, New Orleans is destined to rank among the largest, wealthiest and most influential cities of our land. Louisiana, Mississippi and other adjacent States must be greatly affected by the stream of social, moral and religious influences flowing from this great center. And here Roman Catholicism has firmly entrenched herself. She counts her adherents by thousands and tens of thousands; her schools and churches are planted all over the city. Her church and school property is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. In no other city of our land does Romanism exert so powerful and so baneful an influence. And, now, what is the Baptist strength in New Orleans? We have two white churches, but one of them is only a mere handful, very poor, and without a house of worship. The membership of these two churches is less than four hundred, and that too, remember, in a white population of over 150,000. Do not these facts call loudly upon this Convention, and not upon this Convention only, but upon the denomination throughout the whole South, to enter earnestly, vigorously, and at once, upon missionary work in this great city? In the opinion of your

Board, there is not, in all our land, a more needy, a more promising, or a grander field for missionary labor on the part of Baptists, than is the city of New Orleans, and we hope such action may be taken at this meeting as will lead the board to seek out at once one or more efficient missionaries for this field. The brethren there are calling for more laborers, and that call is urgent. Will this Convention heed that Macedonian cry and send them helpers? But this same cry is coming to us from all over the vast missionary field of this Convention; from the Mississippi Bottom, from the banks of the mighty river which flows along our western borders, and from the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, and from many destitute places in the interior of our State.

And now, brethren, what a great work God has given us to do; how vast our responsibilities; how grand our opportunities, and how sublime the possibilities which lie before us. May God give us wisdom in devising our plans, skill in their execution, and such devotion, liberality and consecration as will ensure the ultimate and complete success of this great Home Missionary work."

In conclusion, we would urge upon our churches that we enter into a more hearty co-operation with the Board of the Convention in the prosecution of this great work.

Respectfully,
I. H. ANDING, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Monday Evening.

The Association called to order. Prayer by brother Wise.

Reports of Committees continued.

Report of Mississippi College read and adopted, after cheering speeches by brehren Walne and Gates.

REPORT.

The *object* of Mississippi College needs no explanation. Its efficiency is not questioned by any one who is familiar with its Professors or its history. Its condition demands our attention. One year ago the Board of Trustees accepted a proposition from the Faculty to conduct the school for the profits. Manifestly, this meant success or failure, one or the other, *very soon*. Owing to the great epidemic, the last

session was by no means favorable to their experiment, but your committee is happy to report that the present session has opened forty per cent. better than last. Now the Baptists of Mississippi find themselves compelled to patronize the College by paying both principal and interest on their endowment notes, and by sending their boys or let it *die*. God forbid the latter.

Respectfully,
E. C. GATES, Chairman.

On motion, T. J. Walne read a communication from the Board of Trustees of Central Female Institute; said communication, by motion, to be printed in the Minutes of this Association.

CLINTON, MISS., Sept. 25, 1879.

The Trustees of the Central Female Institute, at their Annual Meeting held the 23rd of last June, voted that a renewal of the fraternal relations which once existed between the Institution of learning and the Union Baptist Association was both desirable and should be sought. In accordance with their instructious, therefore, we ask the favor of making to you, Brethren of the Association, the following report, and asking that it be published in your Minutes:

First—We would say that the Central Female Institute, which in her youth was a foster child of yours, has now advanced to a State of maturity, not only as to age, but as to attainments. No other higher Institution of learning in the Southwest at least, can show an existence of twenty-six uninterrupted yearly sessions; and no other for the education of young ladies, and few even for the education of young men, can boast of the attainments of so many and so varied educational facilities. Her Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus is extensive and complete in every thing essential to a full illustration of these sciences; her Libraries are large and well selected; her Cabinets of specimens in Mineralogy, Geology, etc., surpass in extent and richness those of all other Institutions in this and the neighboring States, Mississippi University only excepted; and her accommodations in the way of rooms for boarding and instruction are most excellent and are kept in such a way as to teach the occupant by their very appearance these most essential points of a true education, neatness and refinement. The Heads of her Departments have, it is true, grown comparatively old as educators, but while

they have grown rich in experience, they have lost none of their energy in imparting instruction nor devotion to the profession to which they have thus far devoted their lives.

Second—We declare it as our firm conviction that the Institute deserves your patronage, not only because she is a home institution and in a sense your child; but because by her superior excellence she will do more for the real education of your daughters, and thus make a better return for the money invested, than any institution to which you can send them.

Thirdly—For a fuller statement of particulars as to her history, present condition, and terms of admittance, we refer you to the Catalogue which can be obtained by applying by letter or otherwise to the President of the Faculty, Dr. Walter Hillman, or to Rev. T. J. Walne, who has been duly authorized to represent the institution in your body.

Respectfully presented,
ROBT. KELLS,
President of Board of Trustees.

E. W. Cabaniss, Secretary.

The following collection was taken at the conclusion of Secretary Walne's speech on State Missions, and for the benefit of the State Mission Board.

CASH AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

R. H. Purser	$5 00	Mrs. Sandifer, pd	$1 00
I. H. Anding	5 00	Mrs. M. E. Jones	2 50
Dr. Z. J. Scott, pd	5 00	Miss O. O. Thompson	1 00
Mrs. A. Galtney	5 00	Mrs. Cora Griffith, pd	1 00
Mrs. J. E. Chiles, pd	5 00	J. M. Jones	5 00
H. C. Conn	5 00	W. W. Miller	1 00
Mrs. J. J. Green	5 00	B. T. Hobbs, pd	25
R. A. Cooper, pd	5 00	David Cunningham pd	1 00
W. E. Bolls	5 00	Henry T. Lewis	1 00
E. C. Gates, pd	5 00	A. C. Thompson	2 50
A. C. Till, pd	2 00	Cash in hat	7 80

Report on Ministerial Education read and adopted.

REPORT.

The spirit of general education is fast gaining ground in our land. The people are beginning to recognize its importance and are making greater efforts than have been made in

the past few years to secure the education of their sons and daughters. With this movement the ministry must keep pace or our interest as a denomination will suffer. Ministers are expected to be leaders of the people in a literary as well as in a spiritual sense; but if the masses attain to a higher degree of education they will lead the ministry instead of the ministry leading them.

Error and infidelity are now making their power felt in the land. Polished by trained intellects, they present themselves in their most seductive form to the mind of the people. How shall these be met and overcome but by a consecrated and educated ministry? In view of these facts we would recommend that our pastors urge and encourage our young ministers to attend school either at Mississippi College, located at Clinton, Miss., or at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky.; and that not only the pastors, but that every member of our Association co-operate with the Board of Ministerial Education in its efforts to raise funds for the education of our young men called of God to preach.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. SNYDER, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Pastoral support read and adopted. Speeches by D. S. Burch and C. J. Green.

REPORT.

The fact that we are called upon to make a report upon this subject is sufficient evidence that we have been very remiss in this all-important duty. An Association which has lived as long as the Union, should ask no report on such a subject. It is quasi evidence that we are retrograding, or to say the least of it, we are making no progress in this particular. The world is advancing in knowledge. A heavy demand is made upon the ministry to keep pace with the progress of the age. And as this is not the age of inspiration, it becomes necessary for the ministers to "study to show themselves approved unto God"; to this end they must be unsecularized, "for the man that wareth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life." The Scriptures are explicit and pointed on this subject. "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges?" "The laborer is worthy of his hire." "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" And again, "Even so hath the

Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

With these and many similar scriptures declaring plainly our duty, how is it that we can content ourselves to give so little for pastoral support—not even an average of one dollar per member? In this report we would recommend to the several churches:

1st. That in connection with the call for a pastor the amount to be paid him be specified.

2d. That where it is practicable, this amount be paid in monthly installments.

3rd. That the amount paid pastor be reported by each church to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
C. J. GREEN, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Condition of the Colored People read and adopted. Speeches by R. H. Purser and J. J. Green.

REPORT.

Though the colored people have been for so long a time among us, their intellectual, moral and spiritual condition is by no means what it should be; and this, too, is justly chargeable to our neglect. So long as their education is considered of minor importance, their moral standing will be far below the demands of law and religion. This is to be remedied only by giving them good schools in connection with a pure Christianity.

Their spiritual condition demands our attention. Now that their prejudices against the whites are giving way, we find them willing, in a great measure, to receive Scriptural instruction at our hands. They have a zeal for Godliness, but not according to knowledge.

We would, therefore, urge it upon our pastors and brethren generally, to go among them for the purpose of teaching sound doctrine both from their pulpits and in their Sunday-schools.

That we extend an invitation to their preachers to be with us in our Ministers' and Deacons' meetings.

And that the Natchez Theological Seminary be recommended to them as a good school for the training of their young ministers.

Respectfully,
R. H. PURSER, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted.

REPORT.

To each the next Introductory Sermon, Elder W. H. Anderson; Alternate, Elder I. H. Anding. To preach the Missionary Sermon; Elder D. I. Purser; Alternate, Elder R. A. Cooper.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

A. J. Miller, R. H. Purser, J. Jasper Green, I. H. Anding, C. J. Green, B. Higdon, W. J. Scott, J. E. Chiles, Geo. W. Foster, Wm. Sumrall, J. W. Crews, H. C. Conn.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. J. SCOTT, Chairman.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

This Board would respectfully report that it employed Bro. R. A. Cooper last February to labor as a missionary within the bounds of our Association; promising him a salary of six hundred dollars, provided this amount could be raised. Fair River Association has kindly united with us in the support of our missionary and has to date, contributed forty dollars with the promise of more as the work progresses. We return thanks to Fair River Association for this timely assistance and to our Heavenly Father for the blessings which have attended the labors of our missionary.

We would also earnestly solicit a continuance of this co-operation on the part of our sister Association in the prosecution of our Home Mission work.

We would recommend to our successors in office Bro. Cooper as a suitable missionary for our Association, and that he be continued *as such* in our present field of destitution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. SUMRALL, President of Board.

J. JASPER GREEN, Secretary.

THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF OUR MISSIONARY—ELDER R. A. COOPER.

Ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

REPORT.

To the Executive Board of Union Association:

According to request, I have visited, 1st. Bethany Church. It was truly in a sad condition, not having had any regular preaching or even a conference for about three years. A regular appointment was left at this place, and the congregation has grown steadily both in number and interest. In connection with this I left an appointment for Sunday evening at a school-house, which I trust was not in vain. Here (Bethany) we have received seven by baptism, four by letter, and restored one. Have raised in cash seventeen dollars. In cash and subscription, fifty-seven dollars.

These are an appreciative people. The second point was Beech Grove. This Church had just passed through the fiery trials of yellow fever, the dreadful effects of which, are so well known to all and which almost blotted out this little flock. The few which remained seemed to be as willing to work for the Master as any people I ever saw. Here we have received ten by baptism, five by letter, and two restored; and believe, as was stated in their letter, that the work is going on. Congregation always good and attentive. We have been baptizing in a creek, but the *young* members have built a pool.

We have collected in cash two dollars. In cash and subscription seventy-four dollars and seventy-five cents.

Providence (Martin Station) was the third place visited. Here I was assured that I would be heartily welcomed (though there were but two Baptists in the community), they not having had any services by any denomination for months.

The Presbyterians gave permission to preach in the house. From this congregation we have received one member into Beech Grove Church. Raised in cash twelve dollars and fifty cents. In cash and subscription, seventeen dollars. In connection with this point, I have had an appointment at Bethesda Church, Jefferson county; going down there Saturday morning and coming back to Martin Sunday morning. At this place, I have raised in cash, four dollars and eighty cents.

Antioch, the Church which I was already supplying, has re-

ceived by baptism five, and by letter, two; raised in cash, five dollars; in cash and subscription, sixty-one dollars and fifty cents.

SUMMARY.

Number months labored, 7; number times preached, 61; number prayer meetings attended, 13; number Sunday-school addresses, 7; number miles traveled, 1340; number baptized, 22; raised in cash, $49 40; in cash and subscription, $219-25.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. COOPER, Missionary.

Report of Committee on Temperance read and adopted.

Speeches by brethren Wise, Anderson, Miller, and Chiles.

REPORT.

We, your Committee on Temperance, would report the following: We recognize intemperance as one of the most destructive evils of the age. As a maddened giant, it threatens to demolish the very foundation principles of the American Republic. As a vile seducer, it stealthily creeps into the circles of polite and refined society, and often accomplishes its baneful purposes by weakening the band and lessening the requirements of the grand social compact. As a midnight robber, it enters the homes of peace and plenty, and retires, leaving broken-hearted women and hungry children. As a demon it mounts the throne of reason, wields the scepter of madness, dwarfs the intellect, ruins the body, and steals the soul.

That we have men connected with our churches, who are, more or less, given to the evil of dissipation, is a fact.

That we have church members who are given to tippling, buying and selling spirituous liquors is a truth. That such a course of conduct brings reproach upon the cause of Christ, and the christian name, cannot be, for a moment, doubted; therefore,

Resolved 1. That safety is found *only* in *total abstinence* from all that intoxicates.

Resolved 2. That the Pastors of our Churches be requested to faithfully exert themselves both in the pulpit and social circle for the suppression of this evil.

Resolved, 3. That we, as an Association, will ever severely censure and reprimand those of our number who frequent

bar-rooms and other places with a view to buying or in any way receiving that which intoxicates.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. MILLER, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Finance read and adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have examined the report of the Treasurer, and find it correct and sustained by proper vouchers. The churches have sent up the following amounts:

	Associational Purposes	*Home Missions*
Antioch		
Bethesda	$3 50	
Bethany	3 00	
Bethlehem	2 25	
Brushy Fork	4 05	
Beech Grove	6 10	$12 15
Damacus	2 20	
Fellowship	10 40	
Gallman	7 00	
Hazlehurst	2 75	
New Hope	5 00	
New Zion	2 75	
New Providence	4 05	21 00
Philadelphia	5 00	7 65
" from Sunday-school Children	2 75	
Pine Bluff		3 35
Pleasant Hill	8 00	
Port Gibson	4 15	2 50
Rodney	6 00	
Spring Hill	4 75	
White Oak	6 60	40
	6 55	
	$96 85	$47 05

Total amount from the Churches	$143 90
Collection on Sunday	43 60
Collection Monday for Foreign Missions	20 80
Collection Monday for State Missions	33 80
Grand Total	$242 10

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. CONN, Chairman.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1879.

C. J. GREEN, TREASURER,

In Acc't with Union Baptist Association.

1878 RECEIPTS.

Dec. 9th.	Amount from the Churches for Associational purposes	$54 45
" "	Amount from the Churches for Home Missions	36 30
1879.	Sunday Collection	10 50
Mar. 9th.	From Fair River Association for Home Missions	40 00
May 27th.	From Brushy Fork Church for Home Missions	2 25
" "	From members of Executive Board	9 00
	Received from Bushy Fork	1 25
	Received from Missionary Field	49 40
		$203 15

1878 CREDITS.

Dec. 9th.	Paid A. J. Miller for services as Clerk	$25 00	
1879.	Paid for printing minutes	28 27	
	Postage and express	1 18	
Feb. 22d.	Paid R. A. Cooper	46 80	
Mch. 9th.	Paid R. A. Cooper	40 00	
May 27th.	Paid R. A. Cooper	11 25	
	Amount on hand	1 25	
		$153 75	
Sept. 29th.	Paid R. A. Cooper	49 40	
			$203 15

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of H. C. Conn, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to Fellowship Church and the community, for the cordial welcome and liberal entertainment given us by them.

On motion of H. C. Conn, it was

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to attend to the printing and distributing of the minutes, and that he be paid twenty-five dollars for his services as Clerk.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of general correspondence, and prepare and have printed, an abstract of letters.

On motion, dispensed with reading minutes.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

TIME—On Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, A. D., 1880.

PLACE—New Providence Church, Copiah County.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place above mentioned.

After singing and a general hand-shaking, the closing prayer was offered by Bro. W. H. Anderson.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Thus closed a profitable and delightful session of Union Baptist Association.

J. JASPER GREEN, Moderator.

A. J. MILLER, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names	Post Offices.
W. H. Anderson	St. Joseph, La.
I. H. Anding	Hazlehurst, Miss.
E. C. Gates	Louisville, Ky.
W. F. Green	Hazlehurst, Miss.
Joseph J. Green	" "
J. Jasper Green	" "
A. R. Lum	Union Church, Miss.
A. A. Lomax	Hazlehurst, Miss.
A. J. Miller	Port Gibson, Miss.
Samuel Morris	Union Church, Miss.
D. I. Purser	Crystal Springs, Miss.
R. H. Purser	Gallman, Miss.
J. A. Snyder	Caseyville, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

J. H. Purser	Hazlehurst, Miss.
Wm. Sumrall	Gallman, Miss.
John F. Purser	Hazlehurst, Miss.

ABSTRACT OF CHURCH LETTERS.

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Antioch—Somewhat revived.—R. A. Cooper, Pastor.

Bethesda—In a prosperous condition.—A. L. Trevillion, Pastor.

Bethany—Hopeful and at peace.—R. A. Cooper, Pastor.

Bethlehem—In a cold and sad condition.—A. L. Trevillion, Pastor.

Brushy Fork—At peace and hopeful.—A. J. Miller, Pastor.

Beech Grove—Greatly revived.—R. A. Cooper, Pastor.

Damascus—Revived and strengthened.—Jesse Woodall, Pastor.

Fellowship—Harmony and propriety prevail.—A. J. Miller, Pastor.

Gallman—All at peace and encouraged—I. H. Anding, Pastor.

Hazlehurst—Making progress.—A. A. Lomax, Pastor.

New Hope—Greatly tried but now at peace.—J. Jasper Green, Pastor.

New Zion—Revived and prosperous.—R. H. Purser, Pastor.

New Providence—Moving on with some interest.—J. Jasper Green, Pastor.

Philadelphia—Has a good Sunday-school, bnt without regular Pastor.

Pine Bluff—At peace with one another.—J. Jasper Green, Pastor.

Pleasant Hill—Prospering.—J. A. Snyder, Pastor.

Port Gibson—Spiritual condition comparatively good.—A. J. Miller, Pastor.

Spring Hill—In a prosperous condition.—I. H. Anding, Pastor.

White Oak—At peace, but in a lukewarm condition.—J. Jasper Green, Pastor.

Rodney—Without a Pastor, but engaged in the Sunday-school work.

LETTER OF GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

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Union Baptist Association

To All other Bodies with which she Corresponds,

Sendeth Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN: Since our last communication, we have begun and closed our Fifty-ninth Annual Session, which was indeed pleasant and profitable—the glory of God and the furtherance of His Kingdom, seemed uppermost in the efforts and desires of the brotherhood. With one exception, all our churches were represented by delegation. Many of them had been graciously visited during the year by the Divine Spirit—not a few had grown in numbers and efficiency. Judging from the tone of the letters, our churches are in the enjoyment of a greater measure of prosperity than usual. For this, we thank the Giver of all good.

The missionary territory within our bounds, has been mostly occupied this year by our faithful and zealous Bro. R. A. Cooper, whose labors for the Master have been greatly blessed.

The Executive Board of Fair River Association and the State Mission Board, have rendered us valuable service this year, by contributing to the support of our Mission work.

We send this letter in confirmation of our desire to continue correspondence with you. May the Lord bless you.

A. J. MILLER, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1879.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	Sabbath Meet'g.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.	No. Minutes.
Antioch	Copiah	Pine Ridge	...	5	2	...	2	...	1	33	61	94	20
Bethesda	Jefferson	Union Church	1st	7	7	1	2	...	1	20	27	47	15
Bethany	Claiborne	Jeffersville	2d	7	4	1	1	4	1	31	58	89	20
Bethlehem	Franklin	Morgan's Fork	...	2	...	...	3	3	1	23	30	53	20
Brushy Fork	Copiah	Port Gibson	4th	3	8	...	6	...	...	30	46	76	20
Beech Grove	Claiborne	" "	...	10	5	2	1	5	5	...	...	59	10
Damascus	Copiah	Hazlehurst	4th	23	6	3	12	1	3	103	151	254	60
Fellowship	Jefferson	Rodney	1st & 3d	3	11	...	...	2	...	31	50	81	30
Gallman	Copiah	Gallman	...	...	2	...	5	...	2	22	34	56	15
Hazlehurst	Copiah	Hazlehurst	2d & 4th	2	5	...	3	1	...	35	57	92	30
New Hope	Copiah	Hazlehurst	4th	...	...	...	...	2	1	10	20	30	12
New Zion	Copiah	Crystal Springs	3d	8	2	1	5	6	2	39	75	114	35
New Providence	Copiah	Caseyville	3d	7	5	...	9	...	1	32	43	75	20
Philadelphia	Lincoln	Caseyville	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	19	27	46	10
Pine Bluff	Copiah	Hazlehurst	1st	2	2	...	6	10	1	60	105	165	50
Pleasant Hill	Jefferson	Union Church	...	15	9	...	3	1	...	30	41	71	35
Port Gibson	Claiborne	Port Gibson	2d & 4th	1	2	...	...	...	...	22	45	67	20
Rodney	Jefferson	Rodney	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	12
Spring Hill	Copiah	Martinsville	3d	4	5	1	10	...	...	35	50	85	25
White Oak	Copiah	Utica	2d	...	...	...	...	3	...	32	39	71	20
				99	79	9	70	38	19	...	...	1655	479

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OFFICERS:

J. JASPER GREEN.....Hazlehurst.....MODERATOR.
A. J. MILLER.....Port Gibson.....CLERK.
C. J. GREEN.....Crystal Springs.....TREASURER.

Time and Place of next Meeting:

HAZLEHURST CHURCH, COPIAH COUNTY, OR SATURDAY before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1881.

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